

## BOARD OF REVIEW HAS NEW POWERS

Bill Amending Act for Assessment of Property Provides Tax on Any Year Omitted.

HAS BEEN SIGNED BY GOVERNOR

Heirs of Deceased Property Owners May Be Held Liable for Delinquent Realty.

The board of review which will be in session at the court house beginning the middle of next month, will have greater power than formerly, since the Shurtleff house bill, No. 107, signed by Governor Deneen, becomes effective as a law July 1.

The bill amends "an act for the assessment of property and providing the means therefor, and to repeal a certain act therein named," by authorizing the board of review to assess all real and personal property omitted in any year or years, or on which the taxes have not been paid through defective description and to alter, when necessary, any description of real or personal property.

### Can Hold Heirs.

However, no charge for taxes in arrears shall be made against any property owner prior to the date of ownership of the person owning such property at the time the liability of such omitted taxes was first ascertained, but an assessment of real or personal property omitted from taxation by a decedent during his life time shall be made against said property and be assessed to the name of his heir or executors, and if the board shall determine that the property of any decedent was omitted from assessment during any year or number of years and taxes thereon have not been paid, it shall be the duty of the board to give notice, in writing, to the heir, executor or trustee of the estate of such decedent that such tax or assessment has been omitted. Then it shall be the duty of the heir to pay such taxes when extended, and the county clerk shall file notice in the probate or county court that such tax is due, and the court shall order taxes or assessment to be paid.

Taxing notice charged with the enforcement of this act are empowered to employ counsel to enforce the assessment and collection of delinquent taxes.

### Notice.

Proposals for the general construction of a school building to be erected on the corner of Twelfth street and Tenth avenue, Rock Island, Ill., and also proposals for the plumbing, heating and electric wiring will be received up to 5 p. m. July 5, 1915, by the architect, Olof E. Corvin, Safety building, Rock Island, Ill.

Certified check shall accompany each bid as follows: General construction, \$500; plumbing \$150, heating \$150, electric wiring \$75. Checks shall be made payable to H. H. Cleveland, president of the board of education. Plans may be had in the office of the architect.

Night is reserved to reject any or all bids.—(Adv.)

All the news all the time—The Argus.

## LONDON GIRLS FIGHT FIRES



In a London draper's shop the girls have taken the place of the men, now in the army, who composed the fire brigade of the establishment. During the drills which take place daily they answer the call as quickly as did the male members and they are almost as capable as the men when it comes to handling the hose and nozzle in a stubborn blaze.

## DAY IN DAVENPORT

**Fight for Millions Starts.**—The closing round of the eight-year struggle of the Des Moines Union, the C. M. & St. P. Ry. and the Wabash road, for property in the heart of Des Moines, involving \$25,000,000, was started yesterday at a special session of the federal court, before Judge Wade.

The two roads, the Wabash and the Milwaukee, have joined hands against the Des Moines Union, who is attempting to oust them from their claimed share in the big Des Moines Terminal. The first suit was filed on Feb. 5, 1907. It is the contention of the two complaining railroads that an agreement was reached between the three roads by which all should have the use of the terminal, as well as sections of track aggregating in length, two and seven-tenths miles. These contracts, which the two complaining roads allege to have, were made by railroads, to which the present carrier companies involved, are successors. A short time before the filing of the equity petition, the Des Moines Union, one of the Nabholz lines, claimed that the rights of the Milwaukee and the Wabash regarding the Union station ownership, would be void. The Union road alleged that the contract was made for, but 10 years and 1915 would see the expiration of that time. Corporation and railroad attorneys, the highest men in their line in the state, and

some of the greatest in the country, are here in the case, which is one of the largest ever brought into the federal court.

### J. C. Davenport Dies Suddenly

—J. C. Davenport, a lifelong citizen of Le Claire and prominently identified with the business activity of that place, died suddenly yesterday, the fatal ailment being a stroke of apoplexy. He was 58 years old. Mr. Davenport was born near Le Claire and had made it his home all his life. His death will be sincerely mourned. Surviving are the wife, a daughter, Mrs. Ed McIlvane of Houston, Ind., two sons, A. J. Davenport of Portland, Ore., and Edward, at home.

### Lehman Released by Judge Letts

—Walter W. Lehman, an employee of the International Harvester company, arrested here Saturday on a charge of contributory negligence of his child, was released yesterday by Judge Letts, upon telling his story. His attorneys, C. H. Murphy and Carroll Bros., filed a petition for a writ of habeas corpus, demanding his release. At the hearing yesterday, Lehman told how he had made a home for his wife, but she insisted upon returning to Chicago, from whence they came. Lehman told a straightforward story, all of his testimony being supported by

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### Young Lawyer Opens Office

—Ernest Clausen, a native of Davenport, will open a law office here at 304 Central Office building next week. Mr. Clausen is a graduate of the Law School of Iowa university at Iowa City, and has been admitted to the state bar. He is well known here.

### Wife Asks Divorce

—Mrs. Bernie Mueller has filed suit for divorce from William L. Mueller, alleging desertion.

### Licensed to Wed

—Daniel Berry and Miss Grace M. Malone, both of Clinton.

### Summer Classes.

Special summer classes in stenography and typewriting are being conducted by Brown's Business college of Rock Island. You can save \$15 by enrolling right now in our summer class. Ask for particulars. O. A. Miller, principal.—(Adv.)

### Special Assessment Notice.

State of Illinois, Rock Island county, ss:— In the county court of said county. To the June term A. D. 1915. WARRANT NO. 341.

Notice is hereby given to all persons interested that the board of local improvements of Rock Island, Illinois, has filed in the county court of Rock Island county a certificate of the cost of the improvement entitled in said court.

"In re petition of the city of Rock Island, Illinois, to assess the cost of the construction of a six-inch watermain on Twentieth avenue from Seventeenth street east a distance of 610 feet."

And said certificate also shows the court costs, the amount of accrued interest and the total amount of said assessment; and said certificate also states that the said improvement conforms substantially to the requirements of the original ordinance for the construction of the same, as required by law; and that final hearing on said certificate will be had on the 10th day of July A. D. 1915, at 9 o'clock a.

## ANDREW RUSSELL DEAD OF CANCER

Army Officer Who Had Twice Filled Posts at Rock Island Arsenal Ex-pires in Massachusetts.

Colonel Andrew H. Russell, who twice held posts at Rock Island arsenal and is well remembered by many friends in the tri-cities, died at Plymouth, Mass., June 14 of cancer of the throat, according to notice received by friends here.

He was born in Massachusetts Dec. 24, 1846, and was a graduate of West Point, class of 1871, and was assigned on that date as a second lieutenant in the Third Cavalry. Among other duties he served on frontier duty in Arizona, was with the Wheeler exploring expedition in 1874, and was at the military academy as assistant professor of natural and experimental philosophy and of chemistry, mineralogy and geology.

He also served there as assistant instructor of ordnance and gunnery. He served on tours of duty at various arsenals and at iron works. He represented the war department at the centennial exposition at Cincinnati in 1888, and represented the ordnance department at the World's Exposition at Chicago in 1894. He was appointed major and chief ordnance officer of volunteers July 18, 1898, and was honorably discharged from the volunteer service Nov. 30, 1898. He reached the grade of major Feb. 2, 1901, lieutenant colonel Jan. 19, 1905, and colonel in 1907. Colonel Russell was retired at his own request in Feb. 1908, after 40 years' service. He was a member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, American Association for the Advancement of Science, and National Geographic, and was the author of various professional papers.

his father, who came here from Cook county to give the court his version of the case. The accused man was released on his own recognizance.

### The Company is Defendant

—Alleging that he was damaged to the extent of \$25,000 because of infringements on a patent silo door, by the Davenport Brick and Tile company, David G. Johnston of Clayworks, Iowa, has filed suit asking for a division of profits obtained by the local concern since installing the door, and an injunction restraining them from further use of the patent. The complainant stated that he obtained letters of patent on the steel frame door now in use in manufacturing the product at Clayworks. He asks for damages, and that the court to set the amount, and that all frames at present in the factory be destroyed by order of court. The petition was filed yesterday with Miss Lura Parker, clerk of federal court.

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